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- Amendments to the Claims (Pages 2-3)
- Remarks (Pages 4-6)
- Conclusion (Page 7)
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Enclosed in connection with the above-captioned patent application are the following:

- 1. Amendment After Final Rejection including Cover Page (1 page),
 Amendments to the Claims (2 pages), Remarks (3 pages) and Conclusion
 (1 page)
- 2. Declaration of Dean A. Klein with Attachment (6 pages)

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